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LONGVIEW MAN ADMITS TO DEALING METH

(Tyler, TX) United States Attorney Matthew D. Orwig announced today that a 25-year-old Longview man has pleaded guilty to federal drug charges in the Eastern District of Texas. **CHRISTOPHER JACK COLLUM** pleaded guilty to conspiring to possess with intent to distribute and distribution of methamphetamine today before United States Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to information presented in court, an investigation began in January 2003 into the distribution of methamphetamine "Ice" in the Longview area. As a result of the investigation, Collum and five other individuals were arrested in December 2005. One of those individuals, Tiffany Ann Treadway, remains a fugitive.

Collum faces up to life in federal prison and a fine of up to \$4 million at sentencing. A sentencing date has not been set.

This case is being investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Gregg County Organized Drug Enforcement Unit, the Gregg County Sheriff's Office, the Longview Police Department and the Gregg County District Attorney's Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney

Richard L. Moore and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Lance R. Larison.

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